

TENEMENT CAVES' GIVE MANY INMATES TO INSANE ASYLUM

Neurasthenia, Leading to Loss of Reason, Caused by Conditions of Life in Windowless Rooms, Says Professor.

Neurasthenia, a nervous malady which frequently develops into insanity, professors on mental diseases today declared is often caused by bad housing conditions. Many women and men now awaiting observation in the psychopathic ward of the Philadelphia Hospital for the Insane, according to a professor attached to the Jefferson Hospital, are products of the congested tenement quarter.

In many instances persons suffering from insanity first displayed their mental ailments while living in filthy rooms, which sociologists, ministers, physicians, manufacturers and judges refer to as "tenement caves" or "living vaults."

Social service workers attached to the Philadelphia Hospital for the Insane stated today that many patients in that institution first become victims of neurasthenia while sleeping and eating in windowless rooms.

It is in the windowless room, where there is no air or light, that depression sets in. Nervousness follows. Then comes neurasthenia. A noted professor of mental diseases explained often the next chapter finds the patient awaiting observation in some insane asylum.

"Living conditions," continued the professor, who for years has been looked upon as an authority on mental diseases, "frequently is responsible for insanity. The home is an important factor in life. To place a woman, man or child in a house which is filthy, unheated, with no windows or sunlight, and with evil surroundings, usually will not set the individual in a happy frame of mind.

In cases out of ten, in certain sections of the city, the person who is afflicted with neurasthenia sets in. Further ignoring of this ailment results in a form of insanity. I have discussed this problem with many of the social workers who are employed at the Philadelphia Hospital for the Insane. These workers visit the homes of the afflicted after they are brought to the hospital for observation.

"The investigators have upon me and described what they saw in the patient's home. The usual picture was of a little room with a little window or no window at all. An alley barely wide enough for two persons to stand, no stove or bathtub. Kerosene lights burning all day and other evidences of tenement house evils.

I personally have observed hundreds of cases of patients with various forms of insanity who lived for years in the 'cellar rooms' which have been described."

The health records show that 565 deaths occurred in the city last year. Of the 665 persons who died, the records show that 106 persons died of tuberculosis. The victims lived in various parts of the city as well as in the tenement section.

Common Councilman John P. Connelley, who is chairman of the Finance Committee of Councils, and who is opposed to the new Division of Housing and Sanitation, recently stated that he did not believe that any deaths from consumption were caused as a direct result of present living conditions.

With the present agitation going on for better housing conditions for the poor of Philadelphia, many persons today are recalling the writings of Jacob A. Riss, who exposed the tenement house evil in "Mulberry Bend" in New York city. Shortly before Mr. Riss died he wrote a history of the tenements, which he entitled "War Has Just Begun."

Discussing the conditions in Philadelphia and a visit to the congested sections here, Mr. Riss wrote:

"The Philadelphia took them straight to the old quarters, where nasty alleys abounded, and showed them (unimproved tenements, malodorous, cesspools, undrained yards and passageways, cellars full of water, and when they stood against the wall there were thirty or forty thousand rats and cats in the city, whereas on Manhattan Island there is scarce one left."

The Philadelphia Housing Commission, of which Bernard J. Newman is secretary, today made the statement that about 3000 Philadelphians die of tuberculosis of the lungs because the disease is permitted to spread. Often this disease is developed in the "cellar rooms" and the "living vaults."

Many members of the Joint Committee on Finance have already come out in strong words as being against the new Division of Housing and Sanitation. The act was passed by the Legislature more than a year ago and was signed by Governor Tener. Every effort to get Councils to grant the necessary appropriations has failed.

One of the Councilmen who are opposed to the granting of the appropriation is Select Councilman Charles Seger, of the 7th Ward. He is chairman of the subcommittee of Finance. In his ward there are hundreds of "cellar rooms." Recently a negro child died in Seger's ward. The attending physician declared that the child died of pneumonia directly brought on by living conditions in the 7th Ward.

LEWIS J. LEVICK'S \$100,000 ESTATE WILLED TO FAMILY

Left in Trust to Widow—Executors to Distribute if Advisable.

Letters testamentary were granted today by the Register of Wills in the estate of Lewis J. Levick, of the Crew Levick Oil Company, who died November 27 at Belmont and Conshohocken avenues.

According to the petition of the executors accompanying the will, the personal property of the testator amounted to \$100,000 and real estate \$200. The executors are the widow, Mary d'Le. Levick; a son, Henry d'Le. Levick, and Winthrop C. Nelson.

The entire estate is placed in trust by the terms of the will, with the income to be paid the widow during her life, but it is further stipulated that if the executors and trustees deem it advisable to dissolve the trust they are to divide one-third of the principal to the widow and divide the remaining two-thirds among the four children of the testator and the issue of deceased children.

The will of Charles C. Berlinger, late of 302 North Hancock street, directs that \$100 from the \$207,000 estate be paid Mary K. Vollmar and the entire residue be distributed among Frederick C. Berlinger, a son, and the children of Charles C. Berlinger, a deceased son.

Other wills probated today are James Shierlock, late of 3106 Chester avenue, whose estate amounts to \$600; David Price, 164 North 15th street, \$100; Joseph H. Hure, 124 North 15th street, \$200; Charles F. Ziegler, 2104 Da Laney street, \$100; Josephine Tramm, late of Philadelphia, who died in Washington, D. C., \$250; Frances D. Parry, Framingham, Mass., \$100; Jules T. Meyer, 40 Leverington avenue, \$100; Sarah Thompson, 10 North 4th street, \$100; and Joseph M. Farrell, 125 North 6th street, \$100.

Personal property of Martin W. Gaskin has been appraised at \$2500. It is now being sold.

2120 W. 11th St.

DEALERS TO FIGHT CITY CONTROL OF MILK TRADE

Suggestion for Municipal Pasteurization and Distribution Resented.

Philadelphia milk dealers are frightened lest the advocacy of municipal pasteurization and distribution of milk by Nathan Strauss, at Jacksonville, Fla., create an agitation for such a move here. Dealers and dairymen are making efforts to stop agitation along this line, saying they are well satisfied that Philadelphia is getting purer milk than any other city in the United States.

Mr. Strauss in a recent address declared that the only way to get 100 per cent. pure milk is for cities to take over the distribution of this necessity. This would compel a rigid test for all milk before it is dispensed to the consumers, he said.

Local dealers and the present milk regulations for Philadelphia are adequate. The Bureau of Health, aided by the Milk Commission, is doing all that can be done along this line by insisting that no milk be sold in the city without pasteurization or certification.

NO WORD SPOKEN IN MUTES' ODD CHURCH SERVICE

Pastor "Preaches," Choir "Sings" and Congregation "Responds" in Sign Language.

Men and women members of the congregation of a beautiful Episcopal church in Toga braved the nor'easter yesterday afternoon to attend the quietest service in the city.

Not a word was spoken during the responsive reading which opened the service, the making of announcements, the sermon by the rector and taking of the collection. Hymns were "sung" and the Communion administered, but the silence was not broken.

When the outside door of the church opened with a squeak, none of the congregation seemed irritated by the weird sound. A baby carried by its mother cried almost continually through the service. At intervals the child pointed with a prayer book on the back of a pew. But the parents, the other worshippers or the rector were not disturbed.

This strange church, the All Souls' Protestant Episcopal Church for the Deaf, is located at 320 North 15th street, above Allegheny avenue, and with its beautiful parish house, was finished a year ago. The edifice was built by an unknown donor. The parish house was the gift of deaf and dumb workers.

Owing to the storm yesterday less than 100 persons attended the service. Although most of the worshippers live in this city, other come from other cities in Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey. The church is the only one in the city devoted exclusively to use of the deaf and dumb.

Yesterday the Rev. C. O. Dantzer, the rector, translated words from the prayer book into the sign language so that his congregation might follow. When he had ended the worshippers spread their prayer books out before them and in the sign language repeated their part of the service.

Announcements then were made in the sign language. A bazaar will be held in the church for the benefit of the aged and infirm deaf at the home in Doylestown, the pastor said. He also told that the first anniversary of the new church, which formerly was located at Franklin and Green streets, would be held on December 1, when a Bible with raised letters, in memory of the Rev. Henry W. Syle, M. A., organizer and first pastor of the church, will be presented the church and the first music to be consecrated to the ministry.

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HOME BAKING OF CHRISTMAS CAKES NOW OF THE PAST

Confectioners' Products Replace Kind Mother Used to Make—Odors of Season a Memory.

The Philadelphia housewife, if the busy attitude of the local confectioners may be taken as an indication, no longer marks off a week on the December leaf of her calendar for baking time. Instead, she does her baking over the wire, as it were.

"Send me five pounds of fruit cake, please, and six dozen spice and ginger cakes, an equal number of sugar cookies and two plum puddings." And, lo! a performance which usually took six whole flour-smudged aprons, aromatic, delicious days is now put into effect in the space of five cold practical minutes over the telephone.

The time was when baking the Christmas goodies was a family affair. Little Bobby begged earnestly to be allowed to stay at home from school for the occasion, ostensibly to help, but in reality to lick the spoon! Even father managed to slip away from the office an hour or so earlier, so as to be in at the finish. Nuts had to be shelled, raisins to be seeded and currants to be washed, and no member of a family was too dignified to be pressed into service.

But nowadays all that is changed, and incidentally, the little bobbies are missing one of the most gorgeous childhood events—the Christmas baking time in the home kitchen. The rolling-pin, the dough board and the cookie mould, in all of its fascinating animal shapes, have been laid away and the telephone is working over time.

According to one excellent housekeeper, there's a reason. "Home baking," said she, "does not represent the real economy that it used to, nor has the kind that mother used to make such a superior advantage over the kind that the professional baker makes."

The rich ingredients which Christmas goodies require are becoming more and more expensive every year, and therefore the baker who buys wholesale can afford to sell for 90 cents a pound fruit cake which the home cook cannot duplicate in quality at the same price, even if she is an expert baker. Moreover, the average modern woman is not an expert cook, and rather than run the risk of spoiling her cakes, she orders from the confectioner who really, in many cases, turns out cakes and cookies infinitely better than the home products.

Many of the bakeries are already taking orders. Spice, ginger and sugar cakes may be bought at prices ranging from 20 to 50 cents per pound. The best confectioners charge 30 cents a pound for their fruit cake, but a less rich grade may be purchased more cheaply. Raisins and dates are bringing 25 cents for two pounds, currants, 15 cents a pound; citron, 20 and 25 cents; unshelled walnuts, 25, 30 and 35 cents a pound; almonds, 35 cents; pecans, 25, 30 and 40 cents, and layer figs, 20 and 25 cents.

Slippery Pave Delays Funeral
A long funeral procession on Gray's Ferry road at Ellsworth street was held up for half an hour today when two horses attached to the first carriage fell on the slippery paving. Freight traffic on the Pennsylvania Railroad at this point also was held up for some time. The animals were not hurt.

RESORTS
The Delights of Getting Well
You can combine the enjoyment of a magnificent resort hotel with ALL the TREATMENTS given at Aix, Vichy, Karlsruhe, Nauheim, or Harrogate at the HOTEL CHAMBERLIN Old Point Comfort

Interesting booklet, one describing each "cure" by Chamberlin Method, sent on request. Address GEO. F. ADAMS, Mgr., Ferry Road, Va.

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THE CHRISTMAS RALLY HAS BEGUN

Whatever the people have had to bear and suffer in this old, long year, 1914, it is not to go out without

An Old-Fashioned Christmas

All of us of kin with the Fatherlands and mother countries have been for months on the rack in suffering and sympathy with the war-swept nations. However much we may do for the Red Cross and for the homeless and starving Belgians and elsewhere, rest assured we will never forget the needy at our own doors—and the

Children and Old People Shall Have Their Usual Christmas

A few over-sentimentalists have appeared who think it inconsistent to have the Christmas festivals while the clouds of war are in the horizon. Lord Kitchener is reported to have said the war may last three years.

Shall We Cross Off Christmas

for three years—1914, 1915, 1916? Never! Not even for one year.

Diamonds

The beauty of this gem depends on its unrivaled luster; there is no substance, natural or artificial, that can sustain any comparison with it in this respect.

The vivid and various refractions of the opal, the refreshing tint of the emerald, the singular and beautiful light that streams from the star sapphire, the various colors combined with high luster that distinguish the ruby and the topaz, beautiful as they are upon a near inspection, are almost entirely lost to the distant beholders; whereas the diamond, without any essential color of its own, drinks the pure solar ray and then reflects it either with undiminished intensity, too white and too vivid to be sustained for more than an instant by the most insensible eye, or decomposed by refraction into those prismatic colors of the rainbow.

As an ornament it is without an equal. It will never wear or deteriorate. It will retain its luster through countless ages.

As an investment it is constantly increasing in value. Our blue-white diamonds mounted in platinum settings make an appropriate holiday gift, and the prices are moderate when quality is considered.

Torpedo-shaped bar pins paved with diamonds \$130.00
All-diamond, hand-wrought, pierced, platinum bar pin \$135.00
La Valliere, 9 diamonds mounted in dew-drop platinum setting \$125.00
Reticulated platinum ring with diamonds \$75.00
Diamond and pearl circle brooch \$78.00
Diamond and sapphire pierced platinum bar pin \$65.00
Diamond and onyx applied on crystal pendant \$75.00
(Jewelry Store, Main Floor, Chestnut)

Long White Gloves—\$2 and \$2.50 a Pair
Each little glove is of very soft kidskin—genuine French kidskin, too!
It is a little special capture which is particularly timely just now when they are wanted for Christmas gifts, evening wear and the opera.

12-button length, \$2 a pair. 16-button length, \$2.50 a pair.
(Main Floor, Central)

Eye Glasses
For evening wear generally the appropriate style is large, round lenses, in gold frames held by a black ribbon round the neck.
14-karat gold frames are \$14.50. Lenses made according to description are extra. (Main Gallery, Chestnut)

Our Greatest Christmas Showing of French China Dinner Sets
Last Spring we placed the largest orders for French dinner sets (for Fall and Winter delivery) in our history. For the last two months these goods have been arriving—shipments coming in almost every day. The assortment is now at its fullest, and that means the greatest we have ever had and, undoubtedly, the greatest in Philadelphia.

That is just one point in which the stock has no equal. Another is the fact that our prices are probably lower than any others, grades and qualities considered. Not only that, but we have here a greater number of "open stock" patterns than can be found anywhere else in Philadelphia.

Considering that we stand ready to prove all these statements, surely, if you want a dinner set either to keep or to give to a friend, this is the store in which to choose it.

Of Special Note
The first twelve people to get here will find 98-piece French China Dinner Sets in a delicate pink spray decoration, all handles treated with coin gold—remarkable at \$16.50 a set.

Corset covers, half made, are 65c.
Corset cover embroidery is 25c to \$1.25 a yard.
These, too, will be boxed if desired. (First Floor, Chestnut)

White Goods Christmas Gifts
The glistening fine nainsook, known for some mysterious reason as Japanese, is \$2.65 for ten yards in a Christmas box.

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It is the children's and old people's day of surprises, songs, romps, tender thankfulnesses and generosity.

Let no man or woman hurt the little people by

Robbing Them of Christmas

Their burdens will come soon enough. Repeat for them all the happy times we had in our younger days.

The first real touch of Christmas buyers came last week.

The cheerful crowds were very large, and they thoroughly tested and proved the roominess and readiness of this big place to supply everything suitable for the big and little people's presents.

[Signed] John Wanamaker
December 7, 1914

A Christmas Sale of Brass Beds, Springs and Mattresses

At \$14.50 each—Brass beds with 2-inch posts, 1½-inch top rail and five ¾-inch fillers.

At \$15 each—Brass beds with 2-inch round continuous posts and seven 1-inch fillers.

At \$19.75 each—Brass beds with 2-inch round posts, 1½-inch square top rail and five 1½-inch fillers.

Any bed in the collection can be had in either the satin or polished finish.

\$19.50 each for fine hair mattresses in double-bed size.

\$17 each for fine hair mattresses in three-quarter-bed size.

\$14.75 each for fine hair mattresses in large single-bed size.

\$12.25 each for fine hair mattresses in small single-bed size.

\$7.50 each for fine hair mattresses in crib size.

\$20 each for still better hair mattresses in double-bed size.

\$17.50 each for still better hair mattresses in three-quarter-bed size.

\$15 each for still better hair mattresses in large single-bed size.

\$12.50 each for still better hair mattresses in small single-bed size.

\$7.50 each for still better hair mattresses in crib size.

\$3.75 for bed springs finished with a net fabric or of woven wire.

Box Springs made by ourselves, and in tickings to match mattresses, are now \$10 and \$13.50 in the double-bed sizes.

(Sixth Floor, Chestnut)

Great New Lots of Warm Blankets Just Unwrapped

From probably the greatest mill in the country comes a shipment of all California wool blankets woven on a jacquard loom, in pink and blue, size 72x90 inches, bound all around with silk, all boxed separately and specially priced at \$12 each, because the designs are to be changed.

Another new lot is made up of Australian wool blankets. Some with cotton warps, in four different grades, bring our assortment of these goods to completion. All are 2½ yards long, cut and bound separately, and each pair sold in a box. Prices for the all-wool kinds—

\$12 a pair in single-bed size.
\$15 a pair in double-bed size.
\$18 a pair in extra large size.

Blankets woven of California wool with cotton warps are \$9, \$10 and \$12 a pair for double and extra large size respectively.

Another grade of all-Australian wool blankets—not cut and bound separately—sell for \$10, \$12 and \$14.50 a pair in double and extra large sizes.

(Fifth Floor, Market)

New Bales of Oriental Rugs in Good Time for Christmas Choosing

Beluchistans at \$12, \$15, \$17.50; size 2 ft. 6 x 6 ft. 6.

Shirvans, \$12, \$15 and \$17.50; size 3 ft. 6 x 5 ft.

Anatolian Mats, \$6 each; size 2 ft. x 3 ft.

All shown newly in the special "downstairs" mart.

(Main Floor, Chestnut)

Have You Seen the Memory Books?

Good-looking books made especially for the preservation of little things with cherished associations—a dance program, a bit of ribbon, a picture of one's old home—and all the thousand and one articles which have value for their owners and perhaps for no one else.

75c to \$3.50 in the Camera Shop.

(Main Floor, Juniper)



Good News

Upon late advices from the factory, The Automobile Sales Corporation is pleased to be able to announce

Immediate delivery of

Eight-Cylinder Cadillac

Enclosed Cars

Patrons may therefore enjoy AT ONCE the super-luxury of motoring in a Cadillac Limousine propelled by the incomparable Cadillac Eight-Cylinder V-Type Engine.

This happy condition is due to the foresight of the Cadillac Company in preparing early and liberally for the unusual demand it believed to be assured by the surpassing excellence of the Cadillac Enclosed Bodies of Type 51.

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